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33. (Amended) The method of claim [33] 31, wherein the cell is a cell of the crista terminalis.

Please add claims 65-68, as follows.

-- 65. The method of claim 4, wherein the defective HERG protein is MIRP protein.

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66. The method of claim 35, wherein the defective HERG protein is MIRP protein.

67. The method of claim 66, wherein the promoter is a cardiac tissue-specific promoter.

68. The method of claim 67, wherein the cardiac tissue-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of the ANF promoter and the α -MyHC promoter. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 and 65-68 are pending in this application. Claim 39 has been canceled. Claims 22 and 33 have been amended. Claims 65-68 have been added. The amended and newly-added claims do not include new matter, as set forth in the ensuing section of this Amendment.

Support in the Specification

Substitution of "or" in place of "and" on page 4 merely corrects an obvious grammatical error. Deletion of the comma on page 6 also corrects an obvious grammatical error.

Claim 22 has been amended to render the Markush group in appropriate Markush group form. Expression of the elements of the Markush group in the alternative is supported by claim 22, as originally filed.